



Pierce County Rental Assistance Programs

Catholic Community Services | (206) 328-5724

Offers Pierce County residents emergency assistance. At most once per year, the non-profit provides move-in cost assistance, eviction prevention, emergency rent help, and limited motel and shelter vouchers.

Exodus Housing | (253) 862-6808 | exodushousing.org

Households receive monthly rental assistance if needed. The Household pays a percentage of their income towards the rent, which is paid directly to the landlord and Exodus Housing subsidizes the rest. The goal is for the client portion to increase and Exodus Housing's portion to decrease throughout their time in the program. This continues until the household is ready to exit and pay the full rent on their own.

Helping Hands House | (253) 848-6096 | info@helpinghandhouse.org | helpinghandhouse.org

Helping Hand House provides assistance through multiple housing programs, serving families who need varying degrees of assistance based on their current situation.

Share and Care House | Puyallup (253) 841-8886 | Tacoma (253) 564-4194

Share & Care House is currently a provider of Supportive Housing Community Support Services; or ongoing services and supports to help eligible individuals obtain and maintain housing.

Food Assistance Programs

Pierce County school meal distribution sites

Free meals for all children ages 0-18

Workforce Central

- Free breakfast and lunch locations for students affected by Tacoma Public Schools closures
- Food and supplies delivery for those who are sick, quarantined, immunocompromised or elderly
- Food pantry locations in Pierce County provided by the Emergency Food Network

Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

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If you or your employees are out with the flu or are caring for ill family members, check with the Department of Labor (DOL) for information on whether such leave is covered under the [Family and Medical Leave Act \(FMLA\)](#). Under the FMLA, [covered](#) employers must provide employees job-protected, unpaid leave for specified [family and medical reasons](#), which may include the [flu](#) where complications arise. Employees on FMLA leave are entitled to the [continuation of group health insurance](#) coverage under the same terms as existed before they took FMLA leave.



Utilities / Energy Assistance Programs

Metropolitan Development Council | (253) 383-3921 | 721 Fawcett Ave, Tacoma

The Energy Assistance Program provides a one-time per program-year grant to assist eligible low-income households with heating costs. To apply, you must live within the city of Tacoma and meet the income guidelines. Payment is made directly to the heating vendor and the amount paid will be based on your last 12 months' heating costs. Call the appointment line at (253) 572-5557 for an appointment Monday-Friday 9 am to 2pm.

Tacoma Public Utilities | Emergency Assistance Program | (253) 502-8600 | [MyTPU.org/COVID19](https://www.mytpu.org/COVID19)

The Public Utility Board approved the use of \$1M in funds for an Emergency Assistance Program, which will allow more customers to qualify for bill assistance during the current State of Emergency.

The Emergency Assistance Program will provide a utility credit of up to \$250 for eligible single-family households, usable toward TPU bills. The eligibility requirements for this new program will allow more TPU customers to qualify for bill pay assistance than under the existing [Bill Credit Assistance Plan \(BCAP\)](#).

[Click here](#) for details on the Emergency Assistance Program.

We offer several options for [payment assistance](#) and will work with you to develop payment arrangements. We've extended our due date from 15 days to 12 weeks and can waive late fees. TPU customers who are having trouble paying their bills should contact [Customer Service](#) at (253) 502-8600 or (800) 752-6745 and ask about extended payment plans. The department is open Monday through Friday from 8am to 5:30pm.

Washington State Department of Commerce

commerce.wa.gov/growing-the-economy/energy/low-income-home-energy-assistance

Unlimited Network | (253) 460-3134 | 2610 Sunset Dr W, University Place

Utility Assistance for anyone who resides in the 98466 & 98467. Services are not based or limited on income.

Unemployment Help

If you're out of work, [Washington State's Employment Security Department](#) provides support services to individuals affected by COVID-19 in Washington. The Employment Security Department has adopted a series of emergency rules to relieve the burden of temporary layoffs, isolation, and quarantine for workers and businesses.

Additional Resources

Free Xfinity wifi

Comcast announces comprehensive COVID-19 response to help keep Americans connected to the internet